A RESOLUTION  BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF ATLANTA IN THE CASE OF JAMES ELLIS AND BEVERLY ELLIS V. CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 2008-CV-160200, FULTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$91,000.00; AUTHORIZING SAID PAYMENT TO BE PAID FROM FUND 5051 (WATER & SEWER) CENTER NUMBER 170201 (DEPARTMENTAL) 5750002 (ACCOUNT) AND 4310000 (FUNCTIONAL ACTIVITY) AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO DISTRIBUTE THE	Committee Date Chair Referred To  Committee  (Chair Action Action Action Other  Fav. Adv., Hold (see rev. skee) Other	Committee  Date  Chair  Action Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side) Other  Members
APPROVED BY  APPROVED BY  JAN 1 9 2010  JERRY L. DELOACH  COUNCIL	Refer To  Committee	Refer To  Committee
	Chair Action	Chair
<ul><li>D ADVERTISE &amp; REFER</li><li>D 1st ADOPT 2nd READ &amp; REFER</li><li>D PERSONAL PAPER REFER</li></ul>	Other  Members	Other  Members
Date Referred		
Date Referred		
Refferred To:		
Date Referred	Refer To	Refer To

## CITY COUNCIL ATLANTA CEORGIA

## **A RESOLUTION**

1	0-I	₹-			

BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF ATLANTA IN THE CASE OF JAMES ELLIS AND BEVERLY ELLIS V. CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 2008-CV-160200, FULTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$91,000.00; AUTHORIZING SAID PAYMENT TO BE PAID FROM FUND 5051 (WATER & SEWER) CENTER NUMBER 170201 (DEPARTMENTAL) 5750002 (ACCOUNT) AND 4310000 (FUNCTIONAL ACTIVITY) AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO DISTRIBUTE THE SETTLEMENT AMOUNT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**WHEREAS**, Plaintiffs James Ellis and Beverly Ellis filed a lawsuit, *James Ellis and Beverly Ellis vs. City of Atlanta*, alleging that the City of Atlanta created a nuisance by failing to maintain adequate sanitary sewer systems; and

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs allege that due to failure and inadequacies of the City of Atlanta's sanitary sewer systems, their property sustained damage resulting from a sanitary sewer backup; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has done extensive review of the facts and the law and has determined that the City of Atlanta's potential financial exposure in defending Plaintiffs' claims is in excess of the settlement amount; and

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs have agreed to accept \$91,000.00 in full settlement of all claims against the City of Atlanta including interest and attorney's fees;

**WHEREAS**, the City Attorney considers it to be in the best interest of the City to pay the amount of \$91,000.00 to settle all claims against the City of Atlanta.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA hereby resolves as follows:

SECTION 1 The City Attorney is hereby authorized to settle and execute all documents in the case of James Ellis and Beverly Ellis vs. City of Atlanta, Fulton

Superior Court, Civil Action File No. 2008-CV-160200, in the amount of Ninety-One Thousand Dollars (\$91,000.00).

SECTION 2 The Chief Financial Officer is authorized to pay the amount of Ninety-One Thousand Dollars (\$91,000.00) to James Ellis and Beverly Ellis. Said payment is to be charged, paid and issued from Fund 5051 (Water & Sewer Fund) Center Number 170201 (Departmental) 5750002 (Account) and 4310000 (Functional Activity) and made payable to Martin & Jones, as attorneys for James Ellis and Beverly Ellis, 3353 Peachtree Road, Suite 510, Atlanta, Georgia 30326. Such payment shall be in full consideration of the dismissal of all claims against the City of Atlanta, and its current and former officers and employees.

A true gopy,

Deputy Clerk

ADOPTED by the Atlanta City Council APPROVED by Mayor Kasim Reed

JAN 19, 2010 JAN 27, 2010

RCS# 17 1/19/10 1:54 PM

## Atlanta City Council

## REGULAR SESSION

CONSENT I

10-R-0145

ADOPT EXCEPT

YEAS: 14
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
NOT VOTING: 1
EXCUSED: 0
ABSENT 1

Y Smith Y Archibong Y Hall Y Wan Y Young Y Shook B Winslow Y Adrean	Y Moore Y Martin Y Bottoms Y Sheperd	Y Bond Y Watson Y Willis NV Mitchell
---	---	---